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SUBJ: SUDDEN IMPROVEMENT IN MEAT SUPPLY SITUATION IN
WARSAW AREA

REF: WARSAW 8022

1. OVER THE PAST WEEK THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED A
SUDDEN, SHARP INCREASE IN SUPPLIES OF MEAT AVAILABLE
IN THE CITY OF WARSAW AND THE SURROUNDING METRO-
POLITAN AREA. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, STORES HAVE HAD
MEAT ON THE COUNTERS AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AS
LATE AS THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. LINES OF
SHOPPERS OUTSIDE MEAT AND OTHER FOOD STORES ALSO
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APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY SHORTER THAN THOSE OBSERVED
EARLIER THIS MONTH AND AS RECENTLY AS TEN DAYS AGO.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RUNORS
THAT THIS SUDDEN LARGESSE ON THE PART OF THE
GOVERNMENT SUPPLY SYSTEM MAY BE DUE TO THIS WEEK'S
VISIT OF FRG CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, WE THINK IT

MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT IT IS A DIRECT EFFORT TO EASE CONSUMER TENSIONS. AS A RESULT OF THOSE TENSIONS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO LAUNCH THE INCREASE IN SUPPLY WHICH CUSTOMARILY PRECEDES CHRISTMAS EARLY THIS YEAR.

3. WHATEVER THE REASON, THIS ABRUPT UPSURGE IN SUPPLY PROVIDES A VISIBLE INDICATION OF GOVERNMENT SENSITIVITY TO THE POPULAR MOOD AND DETERMINATION TO MOVE QUICKLY TO AVOID DANGEROUS SMALL EXPLOSIONS.

4. A PARALLEL INDICATION -- WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS ACCURATELY -- HAS BEEN THE PRESENCE OF LARGER THAN USUAL POLICE PATROLS ON WARSAW STREETS AT VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THESE HAVE BEEN EVIDENT MAINLY ON WEEKENDS. END COMMENT.

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